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October 7, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
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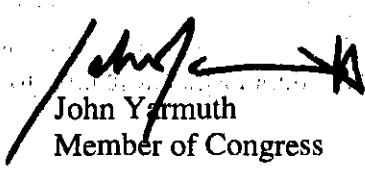
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the Federal Communications Commission moves forward with implementation of the Local Community Radio Act, I would like to applaud the Commission on its efforts to preserve channels for low power radio nationwide. While the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is an important step forward, giving local schools, churches, governments, and non-profit organizations an opportunity to provide locally-originated programming, I am writing to encourage the Commission to ensure the "market test" for translator applications truly addresses the needs of diverse urban areas, particularly medium-sized markets, such as Louisville, Kentucky.

As the founder and former columnist of a local weekly independent newspaper, I know the importance of strong local media in our communities. That is why I urge the Commission to utilize a methodology that more narrowly assesses the availability of low power FM (LPFM) in urban areas. I want my community, as well as other towns and cities across the country, to benefit from the ability of LPFM to connect and educate the public, provide rapid information during emergencies, and enhance cultural diversity.

Thank you for the Commission's continued efforts to expand licensing of LPFM radio stations in communities nationwide, and I appreciate your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
John Yarmuth  
Member of Congress

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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable John A. Yarmuth  
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Dear Congressman Yarmuth:

Thank you for your letter supporting proposals in the Commission's *Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Further Notice)*, adopted July 12, 2011, to implement the Local Community Radio Act of 2010 (LCRA). I value your thoughts on this important proceeding, and am pleased that the Commission has taken this big step toward implementing the LCRA. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered carefully.

I look forward to completing the implementation of the LCRA and arriving at the moment when we can begin expanding LPFM opportunities for communities in all areas of the country. Comment periods have closed and the Commission's Media Bureau staff is reviewing the record. Please be assured that the Commission is committed to completing this part of the proceeding as expeditiously as possible. The Commission soon will take additional action required by the LCRA, to address technical issues – like spacing requirements – related to LPFM service.

I appreciate your interest and leadership in this important area. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

Julius Genachowski